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CONTACT GROUP IS THE BEST JUDGE OF WHAT THE REALITIES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL PERMIT. WHILE THE REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION WILL EXERT LESS PRESSURE ON S.A. AND SWAPO THAN THE EARLIER VERSION, IT WILL SERVE OUR PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATING INTERNATIONAL READINESS TO PROCEED ALONG THE LINE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL AND MAINTAIN MOMENTUM TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION. AT THE SAME TIME, ADVERSE SOUTH AFRICAN CONFIDENTIAL

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REACTION WILL BE LESS THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TO THE EARLIER DRAFT. WE AGREE WITH THE DECISION NOT TO SPECIFY A DATE FOR THE SYG'S REPORT. AT THIS DELICATE STAGE, IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO SUGGEST ANYTHING WHICH THE SAG MIGHT CONCEIVE OF AS A DEADLINE AGAINST WHICH IT MUST WORK. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT BY THE PARTIES TO THE

PROPOSAL, THE SYG'S REPORT NOT CONTAIN ANY SPECIFICS WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE ACCEPTANCE. IN PARTICULAR, OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO A SPECIFIC SIZE FOR UNTAG HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MEANS OF BRINGING THE SAG ALONG. MOREOVER, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO SET A SPECIFIC FIGURE BEFORE THE UN CAN EXAMINE THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND. BOWDLER

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